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SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION

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1. MORE ON ACEVEDO. AN EMBASSY OFFICER, JULY 27 ASKED A VICARIATE OF SOLIDARITY OFFICIAL WHAT THEY KNOW OF ISMAEL ALAN ACEVEDO PEREIRA (REFTEL). THE VICARIATE OFFICIAL SAID THAT ACEVEDO HAD COME TO SEE THEM AND HAD EARLIER VISITED A PRIEST KNOWN TO THE VICARIATE IN VINA DEL MAR. BECAUSE ACEVEDO DID NOT BRING A NOTE FROM THAT PRIEST, THE VICARIATE WAS SUSPICIOUS OF HIM; FURTHERMORE, THE VICARIATE DID NOT SUGGEST HE COME TO THE EMBASSY. THE VICARIATE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE TALKED BELIEVES THAT ACEVEDO MAY BE A PLANT. ACEVEDO CAME IN FOR THE SECOND TIME JULY 26 AND SAID HE BELIEVES THE NAME HE TRAVELLED TO THE US ON IN 1976 WAS LUIS ALVAREZ MONTES. CONSULATE RECORDS FOR THE PERIOD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND WE ARE NOT ABLE TO CHECK.

2. DIFFERENT SUBJECT. A MAN IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS SR. COSTA, A JOURNALIST, CALLED USICA, JULY 26, AND SAID HE HAD
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INFORMATION ABOUT "MICHAEL TOWNLEY'S TRIP BACK TO CHILE ON A LAN FLIGHT, ALTHOUGH HE HAD TICKETS ON ALITALIA." ACCORDING TO COSTA, TOWNLEY TRAVELLED IN THE PILOT'S CABIN AND DID NOT REGISTER AS A PASSENGER. A COMANDANTE ALEJANDRO FORNES WAS IN CHARGE OF HIM. SR. COSTA SAID THAT AN INTERNAL INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY IN LAN-CHILE.
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